

Appl. No. 10/796,676
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A pallet having a top and a bottom comprising
- (a) four longitudinal top stringers,
 - (b) three transverse ribs, and
 - (c) four longitudinal bottom stringers,
 - (d) two of the longitudinal top and two of the longitudinal bottom stringers being located opposite each other at the ends of the transverse ribs, the other of the two longitudinal top and the two longitudinal bottom stringers being located opposite each other on the ribs adjacent to the midpoint between the ends of the ribs, the spacing between the each end stringers and its adjacent stringer adjacent the midpoint stringers in the same plane being greater than the spacing between the [midpoint] stringers adjacent the midpoint in the same plane and defining aligned and co-extensive top and bottom openings, the longitudinal top and the longitudinal bottom stringers and the transverse ribs all having substantially the same length whereby the

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